

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A MULTIMEDIA SYSTEM****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A method and apparatus for providing multimedia  
services to a local area network includes processing that  
begins by receiving a plurality of channels from at least  
one multimedia source. The processing continues by  
receiving selection requests from at least one client  
10 module via a communication path. The processing continues  
by generating a set of channel select commands from the  
select request. The processing continues by selecting a  
set of channels from the plurality of channels based on the  
set of channel select commands. The processing continues  
15 by mixing the set of channels into a stream of channel  
data. The processing then continues by transmitting the  
stream of channel data via the communication path to the at  
least one client module such that each client associated  
with a client module receives the channel data for the  
20 respective channels that they had selected.